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THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF MDARC will be held this Friday, July 18, at 8:00 PM, at the East Contra Costa Jr. College. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

A U C T I O N \*\*\*\*\* N I G H T \*\*\*\*\* 7/18\*\*\*

Bring the white elephants again, and put them up for auction. Limit: 5 units per person, any number of items to one unit. Remember, this is bargain night, so be sure to come over!! Bring a friend.

## BOARD MEETING:

Held July 1, 1958, at W6LGW's QTH. Those present were: K6IMV, Parky; K6VLH, Joe; K6AQ, John; W6EFI, Pete; W6FAR, Harold; W6OHR, Ed; W6BEP, Chas.; K6KRF, Phil; W6LGW, Pete.

K6IMV reported that the treasurer's semi-annual report would be ready for inspection at the next board meeting. At present, not counting profits or expenditures from Field Day, the report tentatively stands at \$200.00! K6AQ reported that the food booth came up with a profit of \$8.70! And John also wants to thank all the YL's and XYL's that donated the pies..... there were 15 pies in all!!!

W6FAR discussed the picnic plans that are given in further detail elsewhere in this issue. Picnic date chosen as July 19.

K6IMV also reported that his oldest boy, Bill--K6OSO, is now the assist. E. C. for the East Bay!

W6FAR discussed Field Day, and brought the logs, etc. The scores appear in another section of this issue.

The meeting was called into the living room where Mrs. Hopkins, (K6AQ), served some delicious cheese sands & coffee (no, they were not left-overs from FD - K6AQ, was host this time!)

## ATTENTION:

Personals - to George Roush..... W6LGW wants to know if this is your gear up here on the hill? VE 7-2872-Alamo, Calif. Please advise.

## F I E L D D A Y R E T U R N S

MDARC operating as W6CX/6 from "a-top Smith Hill" did a lot of work on the FD. We operated 24 hours with a total of 5 xmtrs on simultaneously. The 220 was supplied by a generator, and power for each xmtr was less than 30 watts (multiplier of 3). Total number of contacts were 614 (297 fone & 317 CW).

## Tabulation:

Credit for FD msg orig.	25
Credit for FD msg recd.	1
Credit for FD msg. relay.	- 1
Total number of Contacts.	614
Total points	641

Score:  $641 \times 3 \times 3 = 5769$   
(multiplier of 3 for generated power and for low power xmtrs).

Number of operators: 26 - as shown below; with number of contacts: -

K6ERT-124; K6QHC-105; K6ILH-51; W6AFL-49; K6JPR-30; K6IMV-27; W6KLM-26; K6POU-25; K6RPY-24; K6OGT-23; K6TPO-17; K6EHX-17; K6PJY-16; W6LGW-14; W6LKE-13; K6IRB-11; K6ACQ-10; W6QEN-7; W6JYZ-6; K6ZNH-4; -Kn5MPJ (+/6)-4; W6FAR-4; W6HTA-3; K6AQ-2; W6LGS-1; W6OHR-1.

There were many others who helped in taking down-putting up-arranging, etc. but we just don't have the room this month to name them all. Many thanks from W6LKE, Duane Eskridge, FD Chairman, for all the donations of equip. and for all the assistance!

## Scores compared:

1958:	5769	-	1957:	7281
1956:	5373	-	1955:	4002

See Page Two for the Calendar of events, and be sure to check your date book!!

## LETTER FROM OVAH YONDAH....

Al Davis, K6KYT, has been sent by his employer (Aerojet-General Nucleonics, San Ramon) to Brussels, Belgium, to attend to the US Contribution at the World's Fair (a nuclear reactor).

We have received a very interesting letter from Al, mailed in Geneva, that you will appreciate.

"Hi, Garg:

Well, it's long last here I am writing the letter I promised so long ago. Things here (Belgium & Rome) are going alright, but the hours leave something to be desired (sleep).

The World's Fair is just a king-size State Fair with a center piece, and prices - WOW! Smokes ("Moulbough"), Belgian-made, are 64¢ a pack, etc.

Food prices are high, but about on a par with N. Y. except for the 15% service charge (tip) that is mandatory. Some places even add it to the prices on the menu and it doesn't help service a bit.

Belgian Ham op. situation: 8 million people in the country and less than 500 hams, because of tight-thumbscrew tight-regulations. For instance, no personal messages, only a license holder may speak on phone. I was told of a 6 mo. suspension for allowing the baby's crying to go out on the air! It would have been OK if the baby had been licensed!

There is a station at the Fair, but because of the regulations, they stay pretty much on 2 mtrs and then there is nothing doing because they can't even arrange a club meeting date or anything over the air, so once you make contact and make the usual stn exchange (WX, RST, QTH, etc.) there is not much to talk about. It's tough to be technical if a slight language-barrier exists - and there are 2 lang. in Belgium - French & Flemish. On top of all this, no home-brew equipment to speak of; mostly modified British surplus. Oh yes, one reg. I

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PICNIC - JULY 19, 1958 - ROBERT'S....

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almost forgot - the largest final tune they may have is an 807! TVI is not tolerated - 2nd time you get one year suspension and a complete testing and proof that the rig is clean, not just at the antenna, but EVERYWHERE - so "happy hamming" in the good old USA. That's it for now - will write soon.

73, Al - K6KYT.

(Tnx, Al, for the FB letter - lets have sum more!)

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ANOTHER LETTER:

Dear Editor:

Thanks very much. You did wonderfully well by us in THE CARRIER, and it was great to have your personal endorsement at the end of the plug. That should help get some of your livewire bunch down this way.

Since I wrote you before, we have received another fine prize from Leo Meyerson who was in town. He is donating a WRL Sidebander DSB-100, which sells for \$139.95.

My compliments to you on THE CARRIER. It must be quite a job to get out so many pages and do it so well.

Hope to see you July 26.

73, Dick Barrett

W6CFK

(Ed Note: Many thanx, Dick, for the FB letter - and again to you readers this letter refers to the BIG BAR-B-Q steak feed at San Jose, Saturday, 26 July 1958 - \$5.00 adults, \$2.00 Kids. (under 12). Be sure and get your pre-registrations in by July 21. Write to SCCARA, P. O. Box 6, San Jose. LET'S GO!)

(PS-Dick - u betcha-that wuz me in the bus!) (& Tnx - T.C. is a job!)

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C A L E N D A R   O F   T H E   M O N T H   J U L Y

- 14 K6IMV's QTH- Assemble CARRIER.
  - 18 Regular Meeting of MDARC
  - 19 ANNUAL PICNIC- Robert's Area, Oa.
  - 26 San Jose Steak Feed & Prizes
- AUGUST
- 5 Board Meeting of MDARC
  - 15 Regular Meeting MDARC
- LET'S SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!

To the readers:

Many answers to Capt. Schatz's editorial came in this month, and we are limited for space so very sorry if yours was not printed herein. Couple of replies were returned to sender to be shortened, but haven't rec'd them as yet. (print them next mo. if U like)

"Dear Editor:

The editorial by Capt. Schatz was well taken. I am not advocating "do it yourself" in the sense of the recent "craze," but "home-brew" as related to ham radio is a learning device; and as the Capt. indicates: This is very desirable. When one has "arrived" then manufactured gear is certainly nice to have. Had I the time to spend, my own preference would be "home-brew."

Ed Fox, W6OHR.

"Dear Editor:

PICON = Public Interest, Convenience, or Necessity, and this is one of the prerequisites that the FCC indicated that would be required for the establishment of Amateur Radio! The editorial is OK!

Bill Parkinson, K6IMV.

(Ed. Note: Thanks for your replies, boys, and on another page of this issue is the second of two articles--written by Capt. Schatz. Lets hear some more comments! - how about comments on the comments? \* gadz).

Ed. Note:

Hi Russ, K6ZBL, many thanks fer ur FB letter & Franz Schnitzlehofer stuff, but I don't have room for it this time. am getting a big kick out of it at the office however, as job pertains to it!

A fast one:

When Al Davis, K6KYT, drove back east on his trip - he found out what radar is the hard way, in Gallop, N. Mex. Need we say more?

STEAK FEED, SAN JOSE, July 26, 1958!!

# 1958 ROSTER ADDITIONS:

Adelman, Chick K6EBY  
9 Ocho Rios Pl., Danville, VE 7-6969

Asin, Bob K6ZBN  
1230 Beacon St., Pittsb. HE 2-7973

Cox, Allan YE 4-4337  
1009 Hook Ave., W. C.

Grubbe, Lloyd Wn6UFG  
1847 Reliez Vy Rd, Lafayette

Henderson, Grant Kn6OLC  
184 Moraga Hwy, Orinda CL 4-5717

Hill, Elmer W6QEP  
(New Address)  
2601 Richard Ave. Concord MU 2-3372

Ives, Jack W6WIQ  
2015 Alpha Way, Antioch PL 7-3992

Johnson, Greg K6ERT  
80 Loma Vista Way, Pittsb. HE 9-8171

Kutner, Lou W6IXE  
265 Madison Ave. Pittsb. GL 8-4450

Lucido, Dom W6IDY  
100 Morrello Ave. Martinez Mtz 1063-W

McGlynn, Geri (plotting now to be a ham)  
2850 Kinney Drive, W. C. YE 4-6457

Schaefer, Leo A. & Virginia  
3611 Walnut Ave. Concord MU 5-2750

Splaine, Bill Kn5MPJ/6  
5841 Four Oaks Ln, Concord MU 5-0368

Weiss, Madelyn (Wn or Wv6 to be)  
1875 Lowana Cir., Concord MU 2-6957

Welcome to the gang, everyone, and we are sure you will enjoy our group, and we hope to see all of YOU at the picnic Saturday, July 19!

Another fine long letter from "Haywire John," Manteca. Real cute John,; but just haven't the room this issue. Make 'em just a wee bit shorter, eh?

HEY! - PICNIC, YOU GUYS & GALS!!!

Below is the official notice received announcing the annual MDARC picnic. Harold Mumford, W6FAR, Social Chairman for the club, has put a lot of work into this, and found us a nice clean place to take the kiddies, and have a wonderful time. Schedule for events is outlined below:

BRING THE FAMILY & FRIENDS

To The

MT. DIABLO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB PICNIC!

Held at The

Thos. J. ROBERTS Regional Recreational Area in the Oakland Hills.

DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1958 - as early as you wish.

DIRECTIONS: Get on Skyline Boulevard - take the Fish Ranch Road off the tunnel road - turn left on Grizzly Peak, and keep going. When you get on Skyline, watch for the park. You can't miss it). Naturally, if you get lost get a map!

ADMISSION: F R E E (if you manage to park outside of the area - otherwise - there is a charge of 25¢ parking fee)

SWIMMING: Adults - 50¢ - Kids - 25¢

Merry-go-round & pony rides available

IMPROMPTU TRANSMITTER HUNT AT 2:00PM!

Other activities from 3 PM on. Picnic area and tables and barbeque to be grabbed and held by your picnic committee very early in the day. FREE Juice (Field Day Style) by John Hopkins, K6AQ. Barbeque pit (or pits) ready for action and coffee available at 5:00 PM.

This looks like it will be lotsa fun. Bring friends, house-guests, etc! You don't want to miss this picnic! This promises to be the best one yet! Not only that, but the added attraction of a Xmer hunt should be lotsa fun! The hunt, of course, will be held on 2 mtrs as usual.

COME ONE, COME ALL. HAVE A BALL, AT THE MDARC ANNUAL PICNIC. (Anyone who reads this paper is invited to attend)

EDITORIAL - Capt. O. C. Schatz, Jr.

Another pet peeve is the "Phone Phony" or the "Kilocycle Komio." I am referring to the self-styled "Master of Ceremonies" type of fone operator. Everything he says is so funny (to him) he just kills the air waves! And to make sure the op on the other end (including the boys reading the mail) doesn't miss his humor, he repeats himself two or three times. Or isn't he too sure his signal is getting through? The latter is probably true because he spends so much time playing checkers or chess on the air, or talking about the girls that he has no time to check his modulation, TVI, or parasitics. The FCC grants the limited space we amateurs have because they have been convinced we will make progress in dependable communications systems and networks. Because they feel we are a never-ending source of emergency equipment and skilled manpower. Skilled in the techniques of communications, not in the field of entertainment (?). I get a world of enjoyment and knowledge from tuning the band and listening to hams comparing antennas, power supplies, break in keying, and the thousands of other problems that must be licked for better and more dependable communication. Those are the operators who have put amateur and commercial radio where it is today. But spare me the torment of the social gossip and the "Mike Moron" who thinks the air waves are a teen-ager's land-line, and all the listeners are his captive audience, just hanging on his every "Hi, hi!"

(Thanx very much Otto for the FB contributions for the past two issues. We hope that you will send more to us as your time permits. - Ed.)

Comments, anyone? Sure are welcome, and we'll print as many as we have room for! Write: THE CARRIER,  
P. O. Box 121,  
Alamo, California.

(anonymous letters not acceptable)  
for publication



## C. D. NEWS:

## "Operation Star" --- Simulated Emergency Test

Friday, June 20, amateur radio operators went into action during the County CD drill, with communications maintained on 2 meters. Supposedly, at 3:00 that afternoon, an earthquake struck this area with greater force than that of the 1906 quake in SF.

Communication Headquarters at the CD Bldg. was handled by K6KRF, Phil Reibin as Chief Op and W6PIR, Mary Lorenz, as typist for the msg that came in. W6AIL, Bill Goheen was also at the center to coordinate and assist between Dr. Blum and the radio operations.

At other sites was K6IRB, Virgil Lawrence, County Hospital, Martinez; W6HOF, Bob Richter, at Alhambra & E Sts., Martinez; W6IHR, Jack Lewis, Kaiser Hosp. Walnut Creek; K6JAV, Ken Jacoby, and K6RPY, Kenn Alexanderson, Concord Community Hosp; K6PIL, Jack Terry, Pittsburg Hosp.; W6EFI, Pete Weibens, 3rd & Columbia Sts., Pittsburg; W6LKM, Doug Lortsher, Antioch Hosp.; W6RVC, Harry Cameron, coordinated for Walnut Creek from the Red Cross Building; K6EHX, Dave Pearce, Concord Police Dept., and W6FAR, Harold Mumford, at the Walnut Creek Police Department.

Twenty messages were originated by Dr. Blum and each received an answer. All communications were handled by radio, other than phone calls to Oakland (ACCMA).

After the "emergency" was declared over, Dr. Blum and associates stated that they were well pleased with the test and gave their many thanks to the operators participating in the drill.

Also, Bill Goheen, W6AIL, wishes to thank everyone for their participation and good work.

W6LGW, Pete Peterson, Emergency Coordinator, listened from his QTH.

Naturally, for the first  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour, things were a little confused, however, after everyone got into the swing of things, the rest of the evening went off smoothly. Notes were taken on areas of improvement and new ideas discussed.

When the exercise was over, the operators removed all equipment from the hospitals, with the exception of the beams. These beams will remain permanently attached to the hospitals, making an amateur radio coverage of the East Contra Costa County hospitals complete, and unique.

Thanks again everyone, for all your help and we hope that we have not missed anyone!

## DX-PEDITION UNDERWAY!

John Mayes, W6BYB, and John ("Steve") Steventon left July 12 at 11:00 AM by Quantas Airlines for Honolulu, Hawaii, their first stop in the DX-pedition which will take them to the Fij Islands, Tahiti, American Samoa, British Samoa, and possibly the Tonga Islands, 200 miles south of the Fij's. All their travels will be made by air, except for their possible excursion to Tonga - as there is no air service there - only by boat. They will stay in Tahiti for about 2 weeks, operating under the call FO8AB on 15 and 20 meters phone and CW. From British Samoa they will be using ZM6AS, and from American Samoa their own calls. In the Fij's listen for VR2DA, which may be the call they will be using from that point. They are taking an Elmac AF67 transmitter, and the receiver is one of the new Pierson KE93's. At the close of the trip, they will spend a little time vacationing in Honolulu, but do not intend to operate from there. Both boys home QTH is San Francisco.

## ATTENTION:

Yep, we did overlook one more fella in Operation Star... W6QEN, Miles Slape, who was stationed in Antioch. Sorry, Miles!

Also, a very nice letter was received from Dr. H. L. Blum, Chief, Medical and Health Services, to all the participants in the drill. In part he said, "The value of Amateur Radio Operators and their various radio communications systems, during times of disaster, has been historically demonstrated. In the case of our June 20 exercise, the "HAMS" were all important. Congratulations for the successful efforts of all radio operators and many thanks to you and Mr. Lawrence\* for making this hospital test communication operation possible."

\*Lawrence, Virgil - K6ILW.

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July 19, 1958

- 1:30 PM or  
as early as you can  
with lunch at 2:00 PM

Thos. J. ROBERTS Regional Recreational Area in the Oakland Hills - close to home. ADMISSION FREE: Swimming, pony rides, merry-go-round, etc. Refreshment stands.

## DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWS

Sorry we missed the Stockton news in the last issue - however, the boys in that area are getting busy on 6 mtrs! They had a xmtr hunt May 24 which was won by K6AXV, Al BeMent (Club Pres). K6OEY, Grady Morgan, was well hidden in plain sight, sitting on top of a gas station! The next hunt was held June 21, with K6AXV doing the hiding. (no results are in as yet).

Sold out?

W6WFR, Vic Ortegren, recently sold his home-brew transmitter to K6SCF, Dean Darrow. Vic has a KWM-1 Mobile in a Volkswagon! Guess we'd better start calling him Franz! Hi. Congrats, Vic on the new setup!

W6LGW's back home again, and other than periodic check-ups, he is feeling pretty good. You can hear him on 2 mtrs again, and that's a good sign!

Do you know someone interested in ham radio? - or a ham who just moved into your neighborhood? Give him this copy of THE CARRIER, and help him get acquainted with the gang!

See you at the PICNIC, July 19, 1958!

See you at the MDARC Meeting, July 18, 1958!

WANTED: 12 volt mobile converter - must tune 80 meters. Contact Steve Boyd, K6JAY, Alamo - VE 7-4641

Sent in by K6AXV - (Author Unknown)

"Show me a man who has a hobby and I'll show you a conscientious man whose effort and success is above average.

Of all the hobbies, it is safe to say Amateur Radio is the most complete, both politically and technically. No other hobby can serve the public as adequately as can ham radio. Probably no other hobby has as many jealous commercial interests eyeing our assets; no other hobby can or has helped the advance of electronics as has Amateur Radio."

(Pretty true, isn't it? Ed.)

The Cameron's (W6RVC) are at it again! They just left on a trailer trip up to Canada again this year for their vacation, taking their house trailer. They got as far as Benecia, and something fouled up in the brake system. Staying overnight in Vallejo, and the next day Harry had to go to Sacto for a replacement! Other than the stall, that's the only hold-up we know of, & we surely hope that they have a swell time, with no more hitches (pun?) Hi.

See you at San Jose, July 26, 1958!!

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